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SUBJECT:

Attendance at British Embassy and UK Trade & Investment Reception Related

to the Farnborough International Air Show, July 14-20, 2008

Representatives from NASA have been invited to attend a series of events in conjunction with the Farnborough International Air Show 2008. In a blanket determination regarding events related to the Farnborough International Air Show dated July 3, 2008, the Agency Designee determined it to be in the best interest of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to these events to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA. Since that determination was made, there has been an additional invitation associated with the Air Show.

On the evening of July 13, 2008, the British Embassy and the United Kingdom Trade & Investment will hold an informal reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to welcome U.S. visitors to the 2008 Farnborough International Air Show. There will be approximately 200 people attending and 15 NASA officials who are attending the Air Show have been invited. The attendees will include U.S. and U.K. officials from academia, government and industry. The reception will provide an opportunity to promote knowledge and understanding of the space program with other attendees. Refreshments will be served at a cost of approximately \$40.00 per person.

I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs and promote international relations. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA representatives to exchange views on technologies that may be needed for future space missions with a wide-range of people from academia, industry, and government.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect UK Trade & Investment, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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